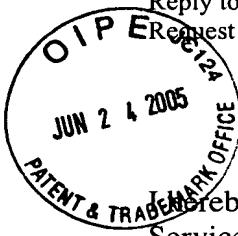


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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated June 6, 2005, (a Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith) rejecting pending claims 1-17 and 19-25 in the above-mentioned application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.